

Virtues of Reciting & Memorising the QUR'AAN MAJEED

1. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "The best of you are those who learn the Qur'aan and teach it. (Bukhaari)
2. Rasulullah (sallaallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "He who recites the Qur'aan well and clearly is equal in rank to the Angels who record creation's deeds. These Angels are gracious, honourable and of lofty rank. He who finds difficulty in reciting the Qur'aan will obtain a double reward." (Bukhaari & Muslim)
3. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "A person who recites one harf (letter) of the Qur'aan, obtains one virtue; each virtue multiplies to ten virtues. I am not saying that (ALM) is one harf. But, Alif in it is one harf; the Laam in it is one harf and the Meem in it is one harf. (Tirmizi and Daarami)
4. "A person whose breast is devoid of the Qur'aan (i.e. he has not learnt anything of the Qur'aan Majeed) is like a desolate house." (Tirmizi)
5. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "On the Day of Qiyaamah a crown of such brilliance will be placed on the heads of the parents of one who learnt the Qur'aan and practised on its laws, that its glitter will outshine the brilliance of the sun which penetrates your houses. What then do you think will be the position of the one who

himself learnt the Qur'aan and acted in accordance with it?" (Ahmad and Abu Dawood)

6. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "He who recites the Qur'aan, memorizes it, accepts its halaal (lawful things) as halaal and haraam (forbidden things) as haraam (i.e. his beliefs in these matters are correct), Allah Ta'ala will enter him into Jannat and accept his intercession on behalf of ten such persons of his family upon whom entry into Jahannum has become incumbent (i.e. Allah Ta'ala will forgive them because of his intercession)." (Ahmad, Trimizi, Ibn Majah, Daarami)
7. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Hearts (of people) also corrode like steel rusts when exposed to moisture." Someone asked: 'O Rasulullah! (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) What is its polish? Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) replied: 'Remembering Maut in abundance and recitation of the Qur'aan.'" (Baihaqi Shu'bul Imaam)
8. Hadhrat Jabbar (radiallahu anhu) said: "Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) once came to us while we were engaged in reciting the Qur'aan. Among us were some village-folk and non-Arabs (i.e. some people who were not able to recite the Qur'aan properly). Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: 'Continue reciting. All are reciting well.'" (Abu Dawood, Baihaqi)
9. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Continue reciting the Qur'aan because on the

Day of Qiyaamah it will appear as an intercessor for the reciter." (Muslim)

10. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "On the Day of Qiyaamah the Qur'aan will petition Allah to cloak the one who had recited it with garments of honour and respect. A crown of honour will then be placed on the head of the reciter. The Qur'aan will then petition Allah Ta'ala to shower His pleasure on the reciter. Allah will then become pleased with him. The reciter will then be asked to recite the Qur'aan, thereby attaining higher ranks of elevation. In reward for each aayat a virtue will accrue to him. (Tirmizi and Ibn Khuzaimah)

Another hadith as well describes the elevation of ranks by means of reciting the Qur'aan in the Hereafter. The hadith states: "Continue climbing (higher and higher in rank) with your recitation in the same way as you recited with care and concern on earth. Your abode (of residing) is located (at that rank attained) with the last aayat recited. (Tirmizi, Abu Dawood, Ibn Majah, Ibn Habbaan)